

## SAN FRANCISCO LETTER

From San Francisco, per O. S. S. Mariposa, April 27, 1893.

[From our San Francisco Correspondent.]

## Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Cuban centrifugal 96 degrees 3½c, granulated 5 1-16c.

The San Francisco market is higher than the Western Refinery Co. having advanced prices 1 cent all round. Quotations are now on the basis of 5½c. for granulated. Receipts from Hawaii continue large and many of the vessels from Hawaii are making fast trips, notably the Irmgard which came in 10 days.

A dispatch from the city of Mexico dated the 20th says: The published report that Claus Spreckels has invested heavily in coffee lands in the States of Oaxaca and Vera Cruz, and that he intends to raise his attention to the raising of that product in Mexico is without foundation. Mr. Spreckels and his son have during the past few months been investigating thoroughly the industry of Mexico and young Spreckels made some investment in sugar lands.

## Fearing the Chocera.

The possibility of a visitation of the cholera to the United States this summer is again attracting attention throughout the country.

The California State medical association has had its annual session within the past ten days, and the belief was expressed by nearly all the present that the cholera would certainly reach the United States unless most stringent precautions were taken.

It has been discovered by the United States authorities that the Hamburg-American line is quietly landing hundreds of immigrants at Halifax in the past few days, and that they will work their way into the United States. This is the company whose vessels were nearly all tied up in quarantine at New York last year. Efforts are being made to stop this new and dangerous practice.

A cable from London, dated the 15th, says: "The tide of travel from America this year threatens to be somewhat lighter. That most of Europe is to have a second visitation of cholera everybody who has studied the subject firmly believes. That disease has already reached the continent even earlier than experts anticipated. At Lorient, in France, the cholera is as virulent now as it ever was last year. The port of Ompier in France is infected, as are several smaller towns. In Russia, of course, the cholera continues on its way, claiming its victims by hundreds, and the invasion has spread across the frontier into Galicia on its march toward Vienna."

A cable from St. Petersburg, dated the 20th, says: "Official cholera statistics just issued show that from March 13th to March 27th there were 400 new cases and 120 deaths in the Government of Podolia, and from March 27th to April 13th 113 cases and 50 deaths in the department of Coflo. Elsewhere in the empire 15 new cases and 7 deaths were reported."

## Sporting.

The cutter Navahoe, the property of Royal Phelps Carroll, N. Y. Y. C., will soon leave New York and cross the ocean to win, if possible, sundry prizes offered and held by British yachtsmen. One of these Mr. Carroll has already challenged for, it being the Royal Victoria Yacht Club's gold cup, and the match has been made. Others include the Cape May and Brenton Reef cups won from the New York Yacht Club in September, 1883, by the cutter Genesee, and are still held in England.

The crew of the cruiser San Francisco, in the international rowing contests in Hampton Roads, carried off all the prizes and astonished the naval men of the world.

The American half-mile tank record for swimming was broken by David Thompson at the Olympic Club tournament. He lowered the time from 15:20 to 14:12.

The fight between Tom Williams, the Kangaroo champion welter weight, and Billy Smith of San Francisco, was won by the latter in two rounds. It was one of the hottest battles of the ring.

Buffalo is to have a great free-for-all trot in August, in which the prize will be \$20,000. It is the largest ever contracted for by trotters and will bring out the great ones.

Billy McCarthy of Australia and George La Roche of "The Marquis," will fight in New Orleans on May 18th for \$2000.

## San Francisco News.

The six companies and the government have come to an agreement by which a test case concerning the Geary law is to be brought before the supreme court. About 1000 Chinese have been registered thus far in San Francisco.

J. W. McCarthy, a contractor, while grading a large lot at the corner of McAllister and Devisadero streets, in the heart of one of the poorest portions of San Francisco, unearthed what promises to be a pure quicksilver mine. He has fenced in his place and exploration is going on systematically. Experts pronounce his prospects excellent.

At the annual outdoor games between the Stanford university and the university of California, recently, the latter won by a score of 35 to 35 points. Stanford won the intercollegiate debate in the evening of the same day.

The Southern Pacific company has reduced the rates on the trip business to and from New York by one-third of what was formerly charged. It is done to fight the Panama railroad, the North American Steamship.

The battle has just started and getting interesting.

John W. Mackay is again able to be up and about. His would-be assassin, W. C. Rippey, has been bound over to court for trial.

E. J. Buckley, an old time San Francisco actor, is down with paralysis in New York, and is reported to be destitute.

The board of Regents of the University of California are trying to displace with the services of Prof. G. W. Bunnell on the ground of incompetency. Inasmuch as Prof. Bunnell has taught Greek in the university for twenty years, the discovery of incompetency comes very late. A faculty row is said to cause the trouble.

The Olympic club has been giving a great Roman festival with games at

the Pavilion during the past fortnight. Crowds of 6000 to 8000 people have attended nightly.

Colonel Clark E. K. Royce, treasurer of the Veterans' home at Yountville, attempted suicide by shooting in the Burlington house recently, but is on the high road to recovery. He is \$20,000 short in his accounts. For some days before the shooting was known, the shooting was involved in mystery. The deficit will be made good by friends.

## American News.

On April 26 the territory Oklahoma was visited by four cyclones which destroyed several small towns. The loss of life is placed at forty-three, and the injured at more. On the 14th inst. cyclones did terrible work in Mississippi and Missouri. At Robinsonville, Miss., not a business house was left standing and fire added to the destruction and suffering. Several people were cremated. The loss of life is placed at about twenty, and the injured number several hundred.

Ten-year-old Edward F. Beal, the famous soldier and veteran of the Mexican war and the Rebellion, died at Washington on the 22d of April. The Trinity placer mine, situated in this state, has been sold to a Denver syndicate for \$250,000. The lowest average yield of the mine is \$5000 per day, and it runs as high as \$25,000 per day.

In a storm on Lake Michigan, at Chicago, twenty-one men who were working on the city water tunnel crib were killed and three were washed off and drowned. The United States Life Saving service is held responsible for the loss of life.

Ed. Farbridge, the great wheat plunger of Chicago, who has been the terror of the board of trade in that city for years, is reported to be ruined by going short on May wheat. He was forced to make a million, but the big combine smashed him.

The Earl of Craven and Miss Martin of New York were married on April 1st in that city. The bride's dowry was \$100,000 cash.

The youngest daughter of Pierre Lorillard, the tobacco king, was married on April 15 to Mr. Thomas S. Taylor.

The session of the Trans-Mississippi congress opened at Ogden, Utah, on April 24, and had representatives from twenty states, among them some of the most prominent men in the west. The topics of discussion are river and harbor improvements, the silver bill and the Nicaragua canal. The object of the convention is to bring the congress to pay more attention to the western part of the country.

Senator David B. Hill, the famous New York politician, with a committee of congress, is to visit the far west to investigate the question of government aid to immigration.

The heavy export of gold to Europe has continued, and at one time the \$100,000,000 gold reserve was broken into. A panic was expected, but to the surprise of the financial world none materialized. It is stated that Secretary Carlisle desires to negotiate a loan of \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 on bonds at 2½ per cent, with the option of calling them in at the pleasure of the government, but the bankers decline. Boston banks have offered the treasury \$4,500,000 on certificates, and it is expected that this flow of yellow metal from the interior banks to the treasury will force the Wall street gold bugs to come forward and open their hoards to the government.

Prominent capitalists and engineers are proposing to irrigate the Colorado desert in San Diego county. The company is capitalized at \$7,500,000, and the scheme is the biggest on record. It is believed that the desert would be the most productive spot on earth.

The winter weather in Chicago has continued into the spring, and on the 29th inst. the grounds were flooded by a great storm. Only a few of the exhibits are in place and many of the buildings are unfinished. However, the fair will open three days hence as per programme. The big show, however, cannot be in shape much before June 1st.

The Columbus caravels have arrived in Hampton Roads safely in tow of the Spanish gunboats.

Evans and Sontage, the California bandits, are said to have visited Visalia again with the purpose of robbing themselves on their enemies, but they were forced to fly for their lives.

Mrs. Almira Hancock, widow of the late General Hancock, is dead. Gardner, Idaho, where the great mining strike occurred last year, was destroyed by fire on April 20th. Loss, \$300,000.

Edwin Booth, the great tragedian, is dying of paralysis.

At the conclusion of the World's Fair the model of the Krupp gun, the largest piece of ordnance in the world, will be presented to Chicago by Herr Krupp and mounted on a fort built in Lake Michigan, opposite Hyde Park. The gun is the construction of which was secured at Washington. The fort is to be five acres in extent, and will be for business as well as pleasure. Mounted on the gun, the city front from attack by water, as it could sink an ironclad with a single shot. Work on the fort will be commenced at once and pursued with the greatest rapidity, so as to be in working order before the Fair closes. It will cover five acres with the most approved defenses.

Business men and farmers in the central part of the State are proposing to construct a canal from Fresno to give an outlet by the San Joaquin river and thus be independent of the Southern Pacific in the matter of freight.

A New York dispatch says: A meeting of the Nicaragua canal stockholders will be held at noon on the 28th when George Charles Knight, who recently arrived from England as the representative of the British capitalists who are willing to take half of all of the capital stock of the company, will be given a hearing. The persons behind him, Mr. Knight says, have shipped the machinery and engineers and are ready to undertake the great work, and will provide 40,000 of her Majesty's black subjects as laborers.

The British government, he says, if the United States will do the same, will grant a charter to the international company, and allow a subsidy of 1½ per cent on the capital required for the construction.

The new cruiser Detroit on her trial p made over twenty knots an hour which was considered remarkable.

W. Homestead strikers are not yet tired and will it is said, strike satisfactorily July 1st, to try and make the again on concern.

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## Foreign.

A dispatch from Valparaiso, announces that Minister Egn. Gresham, compelled by Secretary of State, has been harboring in the consulate since the war. Ope escaped in disguise but the others were captured.

The Home Rule bill has successfully passed second reading and England is

beginning to wonder if Gladstone can really force the measure to success.

The uprising of the people in Belgium, which promised to rival the commune in Paris, was so threatening that the government has been obliged to grant the demands of the revolutionaries who were armed and ready for revolution. They called for the right of universal suffrage and got it. There was some rioting but peace now reigns.

The city of Zante has suffered from another earthquake and is now a mass of ruins. The entire island was rocked and shaken by the flood tide of fire underneath and is now a scene of desolation. The destruction of property was enormous and it is believed that a great many lives were lost. Several war ships have visited the place and are affording relief.

King Alexander of Serbia, not yet eighteen years old, has imprisoned his ministers and regents and compelled them to resign. He is now king in fact and his subjects appear to be well pleased with the change. He charged the regent with a gross violation of the constitution and this is his alleged reason for the change.

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